

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

August 27, 2004

IN RE:

**PETITION OF XO TENNESSEE, INC. FOR
ARBITRATION WITH BELL SOUTH
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
PURSUANT TO THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996**

**PETITION FOR ARBITRATION OF THE
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN BELL SOUTH
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND XO
TENNESSEE, INC. PURSUANT TO
SECTION 252(B) OF THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996**

**DOCKET NO.
03-00630**

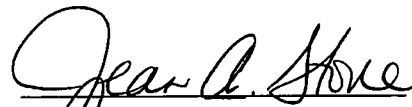
ORDER GRANTING ADDITIONAL TIME FOR FILING RESPONSE

This matter is before the Pre-Arbitration Officer upon the joint request of XO Tennessee, Inc. ("XO") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") for additional time for filing a response to the Notice of Filing issued on August 18, 2004. In that Notice of Filing, if the Parties wished the TRA to move forward with mediation, the Parties were directed to file suggested dates for such mediation no later than Wednesday, August 25, 2004. However, if the Parties did not agree on the need for mediation by the TRA, did not agree on suggested dates for mediation, or agreed mediation was not appropriate, the Parties were directed to file proposed dates for a Status Conference no later than Friday, August 27, 2004.

On August 26, 2004, citing recent pronouncements from the FCC, XO and BellSouth jointly requested until Wednesday, September 8, 2004 to file a response to the Notice of Filing.¹ The Pre-Arbitration Officer finds that the request of the Parties is well-taken, and extends the deadline for filing a response to the matters posed in the Notice of Filing until **Wednesday, September 8, 2004, at 2:00 p.m.**

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The deadline for filing a response to the matters addressed in the August 18, 2004 Notice of Filing is extended until Wednesday, September 8, 2004, at 2:00 p.m.


Jean A. Stone
As Pre-Arbitration Officer

¹ See Letter from Henry Walker and Guy M Hicks to Pre-Arbitration Officer Stone (August 26, 2004)